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SUBJECT: SYG'S REPORT ON UNEF

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1. SYG'S OFFICE RELEASED REPORT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
UNEF FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 19, 1976 TO OCTOBER 17, 1977, ON
OCTOBER 17. THE REPORT WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO LAST YEAR'S
INFORM AND CONTENT (REFTEL) IS LARGELY DESCRIPTIVE.
AS OF DATE OF REPORT FORCE TOTAL WAS 4,297 OFFICERS AND MEN.
A MINOR SHIFT IN COMPOSITION OF FORCE IN PAST YEAR HAS
MADE POLISH CONTINGENT LARGEST (957) RATHER THAN CANADIAN
(855) WHICH WAS LARGEST A YEAR AGO. THERE ARE STILL
RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF
CERTAIN CONTINGENTS WHICH SYG PROMISED TO CONTINUE
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TO TRY TO ELIMINATE SO THAT UNEF CAN BECOME "AN
INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT MILITARY UNIT."

2. THOUGH IN THE REPORTS OF BOTH LAST YEAR AND
THIS YEAR "THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES" IN
HELPING UNEF CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, IS NOTED,
THIS YEAR'S REPORT REVIEWED IN GREATER DETAIL "QUESTIONS

OR COMPLAINTS CONCERNING COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREED LIMITATIONS OF ARMAMENTS AND FORCES." THIS YEAR'S REPORT ALSO NOTES UNEF DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY TO ASSESS COMPLAINTS OF OVERFLIGHTS.

3. "FAMILY REUNIONS AND STUDENT EXCHANGES" WHICH UNEF AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) FACILITATE IN BUFFER ZONE 1 (THE NORTHERN MOST AREA OF BUFFER ZONE IN SINAI) INCREASED BY OVER 40 PERCENT I.E. PERSONS CROSSING FROM EGYPT TO ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY TOTALED 5,230 LAST YEAR AND 7,122 THIS YEAR; AND FROM ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORY TO EGYPT 4,351 LAST YEAR AND 7,387 THIS YEAR.

4. SYG COMMENDED "INTENSIVE" EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE IN PAST YEAR TO PROMOTE PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST, BUT WARNED THAT SITUATION IS STILL "PRECARIOUS." IF PEACE NOT ACHIEVED, "AREA WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNSTABLE AND, WITH PASSAGE OF TIME, INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS." SYG CONCLUDES "PRESENCE OF UNEF IN THE AREA TO BE ESSENTIAL" AND RECOMMENDS EXTENSION OF UNEF'S MANDATE FOR ONE YEAR.
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